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- 1 1. A decorative structure, comprising:
2 a length of strand material, said strand material including a plurality of individual
3 strands twisted with respect to one another, said strands being fixed with respect
4 to one another near first ends of said strands;
5 a twisting member having a plurality of apertures formed therein, each of said
6 apertures adapted to receive a respective one of said individual strands
7 therethrough; and
8 an anchoring member disposed near said first ends of said strands, said anchoring
9 member adapted to anchor said decorative structure to a support surface.
- 1 2. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, wherein:
2 each of said strands is positioned through a respective one of said apertures, and
3 whereby
4 advancing said twisting member from second ends of said strands toward said first
5 ends of said strands causes said strand material to unwind.
- 1 3. A decorative structure according to Claim 2, wherein advancing said twisting member
2 from said first ends of said strands toward said second ends of said strands causes said strand
3 material to wind up.
- 1 4. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, further including a coupling device
2 disposed near said first ends of said strands, said coupling device adapted to fix said strands
3 together with respect to one another.
- 1 5. A decorative structure according to Claim 4, wherein said coupling device comprises a
2 weld.
- 1 6. A decorative structure according to Claim 5, wherein said coupling device comprises
2 said anchoring member.

1 7. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, wherein said strand material comprises
2 strand steel.

1 8. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, further including a cover for covering
2 said first ends of said strands.

1 9. A decorative structure according to Claim 8, wherein said anchoring member is
2 adapted to mount to said cover.

1 10. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, wherein said twisting member
2 comprises a disc.

1 11. A decorative structure according to Claim 10, wherein said disc includes at least one
2 aperture for each said individual strand of said strand material.

1 12. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of said apertures
2 formed in said twisting member is oblong in shape.

1 13. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, further including a strand retainer for
2 retaining said strands in a wound state.

1 14. A decorative structure according to Claim 13, wherein said strand retainer comprises
2 an annular ring, said annular ring having an inner diameter slightly larger than the diameter of
3 said strand material when said strands are in said wound state.

1 15. A decorative structure according to Claim 14, wherein said annular ring is disposed
2 between said first ends of said strands and said twisting member, whereby moving said twisting
3 member toward said first ends causes said annular ring to move toward said first ends of said
4 strands.

1 16. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one twisting
2 member retainer for retaining at least one of said strands in one of said apertures of said twisting
3 member.

1 17. The decorative structure according to Claim 1, whereby twisting said twisting
2 member about a longitudinal axis of said strand material will cause said individual strands of
3 said strand material to wind or unwind with respect to one another depending on the direction of
4 rotation of said twisting member.

1 18. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, wherein said strands are formed of a
2 semi-rigid material such that said decorative structure is capable of supporting at least one
3 container near second ends of said strands.

1 19. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, wherein said anchoring member is
2 conically shaped such that said anchoring member can be pressed into said support surface.

1 20. A decorative structure according to Claim 19, wherein said decorative structure
2 further includes a press plate for receiving pressure thereon to press said anchoring member into
3 said support surface.

1 21. A decorative structure according to Claim 1, wherein said decorative structure
2 includes at least one container adapted to engage at least one of said individual strands.

1 22. A method for erecting a decorative structure, comprising:

2 providing a length of strand material, said strand material including a plurality of
3 individual strands twisted with respect to one another, said strands fixed with
4 respect to one another at a first end of said strand material;

5 at least partially unwinding said strands of said strand material from a second end
6 towards said first end of said strand material using a twisting member, said
7 twisting member having a plurality of apertures formed therein, each of said
8 apertures adapted to receive a respective one of said individual strands
9 therethrough; and

10 anchoring said decorative structure to a support surface with an anchoring member
11 coupled to said decorative structure near said first end of said strands.

1 23. A method for erecting a decorative structure according to Claim 22, wherein:

2 said step of at least partially unwinding said strand material includes a step of
3 releasing a strand retainer; and

4 said step of releasing said strand retainer includes sliding an annular ring, having an
5 inner diameter slightly larger than the outer diameter of said strand material, from
6 a position near a second end of said strand material to a position closer said first
7 end of said strand material.

1 24. The method for erecting a decorative structure according to Claim 22, wherein said

2 step of partially unwinding said strands includes the step of twisting said twisting member about
3 an axis oriented generally inline with said strand material.

1 25. A method for erecting a decorative structure according to Claim 22, further including

2 rewinding said strands of said strand material by moving said twisting member toward said
3 second end of strand material, while rotating said twisting member about a longitudinal axis of
4 said strand material.

1 26. A method for erecting a decorative structure according to Claim 25, wherein:
2 said step of rewinding said strand material includes applying a retainer near said
3 second end of said strand material to prevent the unwinding of said strands; and
4 said step of applying said retainer includes sliding an annular ring to a position near
5 said second end of said strand material.

1 27. A method for erecting a decorative structure according to Claim 39, wherein:
2 said anchoring member is conically shaped; and
3 said step of anchoring said decorative structure includes pressing said anchoring
4 member into said support surface.

1 28. A method for erecting a decorative structure according to Claim 27, wherein:
2 said decorative structure includes a press plate near said first end of said strand
3 material; and
4 said step of pressing said anchoring member into said support surface includes
5 applying pressure to said press plate.

1 29. A method for erecting a decorative structure according to Claim 22, further
2 comprising a step of engaging at least one container with at least one of said strands.

1 30. A method for erecting a decorative structure according to Claim 22, wherein said
2 step of anchoring said decorative structure includes anchoring second ends of said strands above
3 said first end of said strand material.

1 31. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure, comprising:
2 providing a length of strand material, said strand material including a plurality of
3 individual strands twisted with respect to one another;
4 coupling said strands with respect to one another near a first end of said strand
5 material;
6 providing a twisting member having a plurality of apertures formed therein;
7 positioning a second end of each of said individual strands in a respective one of
8 said apertures of said twisting member;
9 providing an anchoring member; and
10 coupling said anchoring member near said first end of said strand material.

1 32. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 31, wherein
2 said step of providing a length of strand material includes providing a length of strand steel.

1 33. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 32, wherein
2 said step of coupling said strands at said first end of said strand material includes welding said
3 strands together.

1 34. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 32, wherein
2 said step of providing said twisting member includes providing a twisting member having a
3 number of said apertures formed therein greater than or equal to the number of said individual
4 strands of said strand material.

1 35. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 31, wherein
2 said step of coupling said strands comprises coupling said anchoring member near said first ends
3 of said strands.

1 36. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 31, further
2 comprising the step of providing a strand retainer for retaining said strands in a wound state.

1 37. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 36, wherein
2 said step of providing said strand retainer includes providing an annular ring around said strand
3 material.

1 38. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 31, further
2 comprising a step of providing a twisting member retainer to retain at least one of said strands
3 within a respective one of said apertures of said twisting member.

1 39. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 31, further
2 comprising a step of providing a cover at said first end of said strands for covering said first end
3 of said strands.

1 40. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 39, further
2 comprising engaging said anchoring member with said cover.

1 41. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 31, wherein
2 said strands are formed of a semi rigid material, whereby said decorative structure is capable of
3 supporting at least one container near said second ends of said strands.

1 42. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 31, further
2 comprising providing at least one container adapted to engage at least one of said strands of said
3 strand material.

1 43. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 31, wherein
2 said step of providing said anchoring member includes providing a conically shaped anchoring
3 member.

1 44. A method for manufacturing a decorative structure according to Claim 43, further
2 comprising the step of providing a press plate adapted to receive pressure thereon to press said
3 anchoring member into a support surface.